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1. This was our first meeting alone and the second time we have seen each other. UTILITY appeared to be in very good fettle. My introductory remarks about the long association of our services led me back to newspaper articles I had seen recently. They referred to the outbreak of World War II 25 years ago. I told UTILITY on that day in September I was in Hotel Haus Oberschlesien in Gleiwitz watching the hotel become a corps headquarters. This touched him off and we got into a 15-minute discussion of his background in Upper Silesia, his military service and where he was the day the march took place into Poland, etc., etc. I had a hard time shutting him up.

2. Then I said there were only two things I wanted to take up with him on the occasion of this more or less ceremonial visit. One of these was to arrange for a meeting between him and Chief, KUBASS. This we quickly did.

3. The other thing was his view of outstanding problems which might come up during the course of my administration here.

4. He took this pretty much to mean world problems rather than inter-service problems. I did not re-define my concern. He then went on to say that basically there were no problems between us (and I think here he meant inter-service). He said we were all in the same boat and this, he added, meant all of the western powers. Referring for a moment back to our service connections, he said they had been so long and close that we could easily disagree with one another without feelings being hurt.

5. To this I agreed, saying that the main thing was to get out on the table between us.

6. He then went on into a dissertation about the world dangers: being the dangers from expanding Communist power. He added his country, being a small country, had to concentrate on the main danger spots. He added, however, wherever there were German interests (and I think he said "also in the western hemisphere"), CATIDE would report as well as they could on the dangers of expanding Communism. He gave as an example our mutual interest in the Congo. I also understood him to say they worked closely with the British in this matter as well as with us. He showed me a product of the CATIDE-owned (through a cut-out) printing works in the Congo. It was a smashing first-class five-color job.

7. He then proceeded to give me a little briefing on how CATIDE worked, getting for this purpose a black briefing book with diagrams in it. He spoke of his desire to keep CATIDE out of politics and how

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he had to, as it were, play a little politics to do this. He spoke of being in touch with government party chiefs and the leaders of the opposition as well. At this point, and at several other points, he made reference (in English) to "security clearances". I got the impression he felt that I would be particularly concerned with this aspect of his relationships with the political people, with the Foreign Office people, and the military people. At one point he said that one of the difficulties was the PPRIMErs' understanding of the difficult split-nation situation.

8. I had expected to elicit from him the name of his people I should see in Washington, hoping that the name General Wessel would pop up. I forgot to do this but UTILITY mentioned Wessel's name. He said he was one of the men who had had the Ministry of Defense J-2 spot. He said this job always went to a man who had served in CATIDE. I think I may be able to use this reference by UTILITY to Wessel to see if I cannot see him in Washington.

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P.S. During the course of the explanation of CATIDE's relations to the Foreign Ministry, UTILITY said that he had often been called upon by Adenauer to render an opinion. UTILITY said in such an instance, he might have slightly variant views of those held by the Foreign Minister. Usually the divergencies between the two men would be small. UTILITY then went on to say that of course nowadays (under the present Chancellor), he was not asked very often for his views. "Things are not so busy for me in this respect these days," he said, "but in place of those worries, I naturally have other worries". In short, he isn't called upon so often these days to perform for the Chancellor.

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